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To The Newspapers  
of Newark N.J.  
Sports Editor

Dear Sir:

There is a story in one of the papers today, under the heading "Eagles Beat East Orange", in which the following statement appears,

"After The Eagles had batted in the top of the ninth frame, a light rain began to fall and the Newark club refused to continue play in spite of the fact that the umpires wished to continue."

We value the reputation of the ballclub very highly, and feel that a statement of this kind may give a very wrong impression of what happened. To begin with the rain was not light, but very heavy, and The Eagles manager asked the umpire to hold the game up until the rain subsided a little. This the umpire refused to do. It is a well known fact that ground conditions at East Orange are not good, and just a little rain makes it almost impossible to play. However, The Eagles were scheduled to return to East Orange the next Saturday, and if conditions had made it impossible to finish the game yesterday, it could have been finished before the game on the 22nd.

If the umpire had held the game up just a little while waiting for the rain to subside even a little, the misunderstanding would never have occurred.

When The Eagles refused to take the field in the pouring rain, The East Orange management ordered *his team to dress*, and cancelled the game for next week.

In fairness to the ballclub, I am sure you will feel this side of the story should be given to the fans.

Very Truly Yours

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